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BAG 10,000 HUNS

Tuesday in Oise Sector the French Added 8,000 Prisoners to Total Since August 18.

Paris, Aug. 20.—The French forces fighting east of the Oise on a front of about fifteen and one-half miles have advanced to an average depth of about two and one-half miles and captured numerous villages, according to the French official communication issued tonight. More than eight thousand prisoners were taken today.

The number of prisoners taken since the 18th between the Oise and the Aisne is more than ten thousand. South of Roye the town of Beuvraignes has been occupied by the French after bitter fighting.

From Soissons to the Belgian border, according to Associate Press dispatches, the German armies in various important sectors are being put to the test by the French and British. And it is a test that seemingly bodes ill for the Teutonic arms, for nowhere have they been able to sustain the shocks.

Northwest of Soissons from the Aisne to the Oise, north of the Oise to the region around Roye; in the Arras sector and northward on the famous Lys salient, the Germans everywhere have been compelled to fall back under the pressure of the French and British troops.

In a new offensive launched by the French general, Mangin, over a front of approximately fifteen and a half miles from Bailleul on the Oise to the Aisne, near Soissons, the French, in bitter fighting, have carried forward their line to an average depth of two and a half miles, and in the first phases of the battle had turned to French possession numerous enemy-held villages and farms.

At last reports Mangin's men were still hard after the enemy, and unofficial accounts placed the French on positions outlined in the French official communication.

CALLS 6,800 IN MISSOURI

This New Draft Quota Also Includes 1,200 Limited Service Men.

St. Louis, Aug. 20.—Lieutenant Colonel McCord at Jefferson City this afternoon announced that Provost Marshal General Crowder had called 5,600 white draft men of the 1918 class who registered June 5 last. These men will be sent to Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex.

General Crowder also ordered the induction, for limited service, of 1,200 white men in Class 1 of the 1917 registration, who heretofore have been exempted from general service because of minor physical defects. These men will be called between September 5 and 6, to be sent to Camp Greenleaf, Lytle, Ga.

U. S. Army of 4 Million Can Smash the Enemy.

Washington, Aug. 15.—An American army of 4,000,000 men in France, working in conjunction with our allies and under our commander in chief, will enable us "to go through the German line wherever we please," Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, declares.

Testimony to this effect, given to the Senate Military Committee, was made public when Senator Chamberlain reported the new manpower bill to the Senate at noon today. With the bill Chamberlain submitted a report recommending quick action and quoting much testimony given by the military authorities behind closed doors and hitherto unpublished.

"It is up to us to win this war, and we can win it," March was quoted as saying to the committee. "How long it will take will depend exactly upon what we do. If we drag along with this bill we will be playing Germany's game."

That heavy inroads will be made in the ranks of young men below the age of 21 is indicated by March's testimony.

"My opinion is unqualifiedly in favor of the young men," he said, replying to a question by Senator Reed. "The young men between 18 and 20 are usually not married, they have not settled down in life and they have not any incumbencies and they are better off physically."

"The President has finally announced that the American military policy from this time on is centered on the western front and he has declined to be diverted from that one thing. The War Department has now adopted this as a policy and it is the policy of the United States that the military program is to be centered in France."

AVERTS A MEXICAN CRISIS

President Carranza Has Modified Objectionable Oil Decree.

Washington, Aug. 17.—A threatened crisis in the relations of Mexico with the Entente Allies and the United States apparently has been averted by a modification of the new Mexican oil tax decree by President Carranza.

It was learned today that August 12 Carranza in effect canceled provisions of the decree of July 31, under which undeveloped oil lands might be seized by the Mexican government upon failure of their owners to make declarations and submit to what they regarded as excessive taxation.

Pershing Day.

General Pershing, commander of the American Army in France, was born in Missouri September 13th, 1860. The War Savings Committee of Missouri is preparing a second drive so as to complete its sale in pledges of war savings stamps by August 26th, which will be Pershing Day in this State.

General Pershing's birthday which will come soon after August 26th, is to receive a message announcing that his State has gone "over the top" in the War Savings Campaign in his honor. This letter which will be sent to General Pershing by State Director, Festus J. Wade, will reach General Pershing on or before September 13th, his birthday.

The message will say,—"Greetings from the people of Missouri." It will be a handsome engraved scroll and will contain the names of every County and County Chairmen in the State going "over the top" on Pershing Day, August 26th.

The document will also contain the names of school district Committees that have sold their quota and will also have an honor roll of solicitors who have secured pledges of \$1,000 or more on Pershing Day.

Certainly, the least we can do, is to lend our money to help our boys to earn an early victory. WILL YOU DO YOUR SHARE?

On June 28th, which was National War Savings Day, meetings were held all over Missouri, but the State did not raise its complete quota of \$71,000,000. The drive made on that particular occasion, will be repeated on August 26th. Pledge cards will be distributed in every community and solicitors will carry out the same program they did on June 28th.

Who Wants a Boy?

The Welfare Board have a good boy to place, with some family who will board him and send him to school. He is about 13 years old, has good habits, is easy to manage, is not a "smart Alex." If you are interested, make application at once either to T. A. Black or A. H. Culver.

FIRST CALL TO OLDER MEN

House Committee Wants Youths of 18 and 19 Drafted Last.

Washington, Aug. 20.—An amendment to the Manpower Bill was adopted, 9 to 7, by the House military committee late today providing that men above the age of 20 years shall be called before those 19 and 18, with the latter to be called last.

Passage of the bill by the House Thursday, and by the Senate by Saturday, is planned by leaders. Vigorous contests, however, are expected, in both houses. In the Senate sharp debate is expected on the "work or fight" amendment, while in the House a controversy is brewing over the committee's amendment to defer calling boys of 18 and 19 years, a mandatory provision which Secretary Baker, General March, chief of staff, and Provost Marshal General Crowder, have vigorously opposed. With both Senate and House committees pledged to lowering the minimum age to 18 years it appeared the age limits will be fixed as recommended by the War Department.

Sentiment in Congress against calling youths found expression today in the House committee's amendment. After a stormy executive session, in which Representative Kahn of California led a fight which he promised to renew on the House floor, to retain the administration measure's provision giving the President discretion to fix the order of calls for all men within the new draft limits, the committee voted 9 to 7 to write in an amendment offered by Representative McKenzie of Illinois, Republican, providing that all men 20 years and above shall be called, before those of 19 and 18, with the 18-year-olds to be called last. The amendment makes mandatory what Secretary Baker has indicated will be the policy of the War Department.

Baker's Hogs Win Ribbons at the State Fair.

W. A. Baker, of Pleasant Gap township, one of the best known breeders of big bone type of Poland China hogs in this part of the state returned Saturday from Sedalia, where he had exhibited several of his hogs at the State Fair. As is usually the case he brought home several ribbons to add to his already large collection.

Jas. A. Parks Enlisted.

The many friends of James A. Parks will be interested to learn through the columns of this paper that he has volunteered and leaves home next Sunday for the officers' training camp at Camp Pike as a lieutenant in the U. S. army.

With Clem P. Dickinson and Charles A. Calverd, Jr., Jim Parks makes the third young lawyer of the Clinton Bar who has enlisted.

It is but just to say that he has been one of the most capable, valuable and industrious workers in this section in all war activities since our country entered the war—placed at the head of the Third Liberty Loan in this District and also as an aid in War Savings Campaign, his services have been very efficient—as Secretary of the Bar Association of this county with its chairman, he aided in its effective organization and his services on behalf of the Council of Defense and of the County Board have been continuous and invaluable.

It is no vain praise to say that James A. Parks ranks as one of the best business men of the city and county and as one of our most useful citizens and also stands at the head of the best of the young lawyers of this Bar. He carries with him the esteem and confidence of this people all of whom will watch with interest his career and rejoice in his safe return when our country will have won an honorable victory and peace.—Henry County Democrat.

Katy Railway Settles One Case.

The condemnation proceeding commenced by the M. K. & T. Railway company last May to acquire certain land in Bates county for the new terminal near Appleton City against August Johannigmer and three other land owners was settled as to Johannigmer Wednesday. Mr. Johannigmer and C. S. Sherwin land commissioner appeared before Justice B. F. Jeter and accepted the award made by the commissioners which was \$2100.00 for 2- acres of land. Mr. Johannigmer since the suit has sold the company another small tract of land and as he was the only one of the defendants who took no appeal the matter was settled in the justice court.

The other three cases involving over \$12500.00 have all been appealed to the Circuit Court and cannot be settled until the October term.

THE WATER SITUATION

Pumps Working Again But a Very Meagre Supply of Water in Sight. Ice Plant Shut Down.

The water situation is some better than last week. The pump that was out of order having been repaired so that what little water there is in the Miami at the pumping station can be used. The supply at the station is almost completely exhausted and a force of men are now at work ditching to the water holes above. A part of the way it was found necessary to blast through solid rock to get to the water. The stand pipe, well and settling basin are being kept filled and held in reserve to be used in case a fire should break out. Superintendent Fisher estimates that the water in sight will last from a week to ten days if it is used very sparingly and only for absolutely necessary purposes.

The ice plant of the Butler Home Produce Company, which supplies the city with ice has been closed down on account of the lack of water. They have a small supply of ice on hand which will be furnished to the sick and babies as long as it lasts. They discontinued the manufacture of ice cream about a week ago and now the ice cream consumed in Butler must be shipped in.

Huns Lose 6,000,000 From Beginning of War to August, 1918.

Paris, August 10.—The total German losses from the beginning of the war to the end of July, 1918, are understood to be 6,000,000, according to the morning newspapers.

Figures include 1,400,000 killed up to the beginning of the German offensive last March. From March 27 to June 17 the Germans are said to have lost 120,000 killed.

Germany acknowledges that her man-power, once so freely wasted, is dwindling in proportions great enough apparently to cause considerable anxiety to the high command. The toll taken, particularly in recent fighting and the prospect of being confronted by ever-growing American forces, has caused Gen. Ludendorff to issue imperative orders for a vigorous combat to recover from auxiliary units all men capable of entering the trenches.

ALL 21 MEN MUST REGISTER

Crowder Issues Orders for Registration August 24.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Provost Marshal Crowder issued a statement today emphasizing that all male citizens who shall have reached their twenty-first birthday since June 5, 1918, must appear before the local boards to register for military service August 24, regardless of any presumed grounds for exemption. Opportunity to claim for exemption will be afforded subsequently in the filling out of questionnaires by registrants.

"Provision will be made for the registration by mail of any person who expects to be absent on registration day from the jurisdiction of the board where he permanently resides," says the statement. "But in such a case extreme care should be taken by him to see that his registration card reaches his home board on or before August 24. Such persons are advised to apply at once to a local board for instructions as how to proceed."

Fair Mount News.

Still hot and dry. The farmers in this vicinity are all busy filling silos and cutting corn.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bracher and two little sons and Paul Fischer, who were visiting Mrs. Bracher's sister, Mrs. Henry Keenhoft, and others, near Watina, Kansas, returned home last week.

Mrs. Katherine Rapp of Appleton City, who was visiting her sons and others in this vicinity was taken home Sunday by her son, Nick, and wife and little son, Alfred.

Mrs. Frank Rapp fell and broke her arm last week. She is improving nicely so far and we all wish for her a speedy recovery.

Miss Lydia Rapp spent last Thursday afternoon with her friend, Miss Elsie Bracher.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bracher and son, Oscar, Mr. and Mrs. John Seider and son, Will, and Joe Bauer and family, called on Frank Rapp and family Thursday night.

Mrs. Carl Bracher and children, Mrs. C. M. Rapp and daughter, Lydia, and Mrs. F. C. Vogt, Jr., and baby visited Friday with Mrs. Frank Rapp and children.

Mr. and Mrs. John Marquardt spent the day last Friday with their daughter Mrs. Nick Rapp.

All the farmers were in Rockville Saturday. Some crowd, as the Equity Union met and had a very interesting meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Vogt, Jr., and baby boy, Alvin, ate ice cream at Mrs. Vogt's parents' home, C. M. Rapp.

Herman Leiner and children visited Sunday with Lewis Fleischer and family. The Misses Lena and Ocie Bohm, Lydia Rapp, Viola Troike and Katie Bracher dined Sunday with Charles Schenker and family. They also spent the afternoon and evening there. Elsie and Oscar Bracher, Rosie Rapp and Clara Lindeman were there also. They all enjoyed a watermelon and muskmelon feast.

At night the whole bunch of young folks were present, too. A most enjoyable time was spent by all.

Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Vogt, Jr., and baby took dinner Sunday with her parents, C. M. Rapp and family.

PRISCILLA.

Elkhart News.

Still hot and dry. Will Ragan's baby is some better. Mrs. Eugene Arnold is visiting her son in Kansas City.

P. A. Bruce and brother of Harrisonville spent Sunday with his daughter Mrs. J. F. Lankford.

Charles Cowley and Chris McGuire are baling prairie hay on the Ross land.

Misses Bernice and Margaret Lacy have been visiting relatives and friends in Lafayette county.

Misses Ida and Emma Blaser visited at the Schwander home near Butler last week.

Talk of slow drivers. Budge Lankford started to Adrian, last Sunday and drove so slow one wheel of the car went on and left him. But he said, "whoa mule," and it stopped.

Mrs. Natalia Maddy is visiting friends at Passaic.

Ed Winfrey is visiting George Cowdery.

George Largent's mother, near Butler, is very low.

Mrs. Hill returned Saturday from a visit with her son, near Parkville. Silverdale has a very interesting Sunday school every Sunday at 4:00 p. m. Everyone welcome.

Country Happenings.

It is not my fault the items from this neighborhood have been delayed the last two weeks. They were mailed on Monday morning and ought to have gotten to Butler Tuesday.

Mrs. Ed Duboise and little son, Jack, from Kansas are visiting her aunt, Mrs. C. M. Rector, and Mrs. Tom Chitwood.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Wigger has been quite sick. Merl Sargent was quite sick one day last week.

Elmer Keen and Roy Young attended the state fair Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Clara Batchelor and daughter, Nena, and D. W. Cumpton spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Cumpton.

The Red Cross sale held at Oak Grove Friday night amounted to \$28.50.

One-hundred Handsome Plush Coats On Sale



at a saving of one-quarter to one-third and more. Garments which do not simply take care of the right quality but stand out preeminent as true value, we had brisk buying on these coats and suggest that you come in now while the styles and sizes are complete.

PLUSH COATS

\$25.00 -- \$30.00 -- \$35.00 -- \$45.00

Advance styles of Fall Dresses are shown here, they are of satin, of wool jersey, of serge, of georgette crepe and satin combined

\$13.00 - \$18.00 - \$20.00 - \$25.00

Many new Cloth Coats

Many new Ladies Fall Suits

Many new Misses Fall Suits

Many new Girls Gingham Dresses

Ladies and Misses Middies—plain blue, plain red, white and colored combinations.....\$2.00

New Fall Boots for Ladies and Misses—new brown, gray, and black kid.....\$5 to \$10

Complete showing of new Fall Silks. New Georgette Crepe, new Plain Satin, new Plaid Satin, Crepe de Chine and Taffeta. WRITE OR PHONE US YOUR WANTS.

Samuel Levy Merc. Co.

GOOD CLOTHES FOR MEN AND WOMEN